

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 83

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Danella Helena Pistono,  
2007 Valedictorian of Fayette Academy.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Danella Pistono is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at Fayette Academy; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Pistono has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Danella has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young woman has earned numerous other accolades, including the prestigious Presidential Scholarship from Butler University; she has been listed on the Scholar Roll every grading period during her four years of high school, attended the Governor's School for Dance, and is included in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, highly esteemed as a leader among her peers, Danella has ably served her fellow students as Senior Class President, Freshman Class President, and Sophomore Class Vice President, and she is also an active member of the Prom Committee, Pep Club, History Club, and the yearbook staff; and

WHEREAS, a highly accomplished dancer, Ms. Pistono has been a member of Ballet Arts for nine years; her extensive dance training includes summer intensives at the Tennessee

Association of Dance in Chattanooga, School of Nashville Ballet, Louisville Ballet School, School of Ballet in Chicago, and Diablo Ballet in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Danella Pistono has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship and volunteers her time and considerable talents to many worthy causes, including the Big Sister Mentor Program through Ballet Arts, serving as a Girl Scout mentor, and participation in Ballet Buddies; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pistono's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success as a student at Butler University, where she plans to pursue a degree in performance dance; and

WHEREAS, Danella's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, David and Penelope Pistono, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Danella Pistono's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Danella Helena Pistono, 2007 Fayette Academy Valedictorian, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.